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Applicant: P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*

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Enclosed herewith is an Amendment after Final Rejection for P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*, for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE PROSTATE, the specification of which was filed on May 15, 1998, and received Serial No. 09/080,140.

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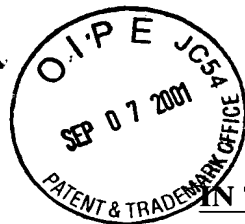
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 5, 2001. Claims 45 - 73 are currently under examination.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 45-73.

Please add claims 74-95 as follows:

74. (New) A test kit useful for detecting polynucleotide in a test sample, comprising:

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